LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

May 10, 2006 Governing Board

Agenda Title: A Resolution of the Governing Board of the South Florida Water Management District to authorize entering into a 2 year cost share agreement with Lee County for construction of the Six Mile Cypress Interpretive Center in the total estimated amount of \$2 million, of which the District's total contribution is \$200,000, which is unbudgeted; and, authorize a budget transfer in the amount of \$150,000 dedicated funds (WMLTF) and \$50,000 ad valorem funds from Stormwater Management Division to the Lower West Coast Service Center: providing an effective date. (Contract Number OT061104)

PROJECT HISTORY

Original contract Amount:

Contract **Amount Executed On Description**

Amended Contract Amount:

District Staff

Sponsoring Department: SERVICE CENTERS 680 **Sponsoring Division:** LOWER WEST COAST SVC CENTER 6861

Project Manager: Sarah W. McPherson Contract Specialist: Patrick Wiener

Contractor Information

Number of contracts awarded to the contractor within the last 3 years:

Dollar amount of contracts awarded to the contractor within the past 3 years: \$1,977,574

Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) Information

For this action:

District-established MBE participation goal

for this action: NA

Contractor-proposed MBE participation for

this action: NA If amendment or change order:

Original District-established MBE participation goal:

Original Contractor-proposed MBE

participation: NA MBE utilization to date: NA

Solicitation Information

Not Applicable

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Project Information

Provide background on this project.

The District joined with Lee County in purchasing Six Mile Cypress slough Preserve for water supply, water quality and flood protection purposes. At one time, the District considered building our offices there. We have turned our lands over to the county for management, but retain ownership. The Slough is 2200 acres in the middle of intense development. It is home to at least ten species of endangered plants and animals and a busy rest stop for migrating birds. Its sheet flow cleans water of nutrients and pollutants before they reach the Gulf. It lessens flooding. It improves groundwater recharge to the aquifer. It provides a highly accessible and convenient location to teach, observe and learn about local ecology with minimal disturbance to the flora and fauna.

Describe the services to be performed with the contract.

Lee County is responsible for designing, building, staffing and maintaining the Center. The County will provide prominent name recognition for the District. The County will provide opportunities for Center visitors to learn about water supply, pollution protection and flood protection.

What are the deliverables to be completed during the contract term?

Project Design Completion. Copy of Notice to Proceed with construction.

List alternatives to the proposed service, what are the alternatives, ramifications, and consequences of not doing the work?

Not assisting with funding of Interpretive Center. Funding at a lesser amount. Ramifications and consequences - Being perceived as not being a community partner in a worthwhile environment.

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